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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Board of Public Utilities Two Gateway Center Newark, NJ 07102 www.bpu.state.nj.us

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF VERIZON)
NEW JERSEY, INC. FOR APPROVAL OF A RESALE)
AGREEMENT WITH FRANCE TELECOM CORPORATE)
SOLUTIONS, LLC UNDER SECTION 252 OF THE)
TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996)

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

ORDER APPROVING RESALE AGREEMENT

DOCKET NO. TM06020080

(SERVICE LIST ATTACHED)

BY THE BOARD:

BACKGROUND

Pursuant to Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, P.L. 104-104, 110 Stat. 56, codified in scattered sections of 47 <u>U.S.C.</u> §151 <u>et seq.</u> ("the Act"), and by letter dated February 2, 2006, Verizon New Jersey, Inc. ("Verizon") filed an application ("Application") with the Board of Public Utilities ("the Board") for approval of a negotiated Resale Agreement ("the Agreement") between Verizon and France Telecom Corporate Solutions, LLC ("France Telecom"). France Telecom authorized Verizon to file the application on its behalf.

RESALE AGREEMENT

The Agreement, dated September 27, 2005, sets forth the terms, conditions, and prices under which Verizon will offer and provide to France Telecom telecommunications services available for resale and resale support. The Agreement is in effect until September 26, 2007 and thereafter as noted in the Agreement continues in full force and effect unless terminated as provided in the Agreement.

DISCUSSION

Pursuant to 47 $\underline{\text{U.S.C.}}$ §252(a)(1), an incumbent LEC may negotiate and enter into a binding interconnection agreement with a carrier requesting interconnection, services, or elements without regard to the standards set forth in 47 $\underline{\text{U.S.C.}}$ §251(b) and (c).

47 <u>U.S.C.</u> §252(e)(1) requires approval by the Board of any resale agreement adopted by negotiation or arbitration, and further requires the Board to approve or reject the Agreement, with

written findings as to any deficiencies. The Act provides that the Board may reject a negotiated agreement or any portion thereof only if it finds that:

- (i) the agreement (or portion thereof) discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement; or
- (ii) the implementation of such agreement or portion thereof is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.

[47 <u>U.S.C.</u> § 252(e)(2)(A)].

We note that, pursuant to 47 <u>U.S.C.</u> §252(e)(4), which provides that an agreement shall be deemed approved if the State Commission does not act to approve or reject the agreement within 90 days after it has been submitted to the Commission, this Resale Agreement has been deemed approved. The Board's review of the Agreement in this matter indicates that the Agreement is consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity, and that the Agreement does not discriminate against telecommunications carriers not parties to the Agreement.

Therefore, the Board <u>FINDS</u> that the Agreement meets the standards set forth in the Act, and <u>HEREBY APPROVES</u> the Agreement as presented by the Parties. This approval should not be construed as preapproval of any future petitions for rate recovery of costs incurred pursuant to the Agreement. The Board's approval does not constitute a determination concerning Verizon's obligations pursuant to Section 271 of the Act, although this Agreement will be taken into consideration in that determination. In addition, approval does not constitute a determination concerning, nor shall the Board be bound by, any provisions within this Resale Agreement regarding the confidentiality of information.

Additionally, the Board <u>DIRECTS</u> the Parties to conform to all federal and state statutes and Board regulations regarding service quality standards and customer relations, as applicable, including, but not limited to, those related to the resale of telecommunications services, the solicitation of resale customers, and the submission of primary interexchange and local exchange carrier change orders to local exchange carriers.

Pursuant to 47 <u>U.S.C.</u> §252(h), a copy of the Agreement will be made available for public inspection and copying within ten days of the issuance of this Order. Subsequent amendments to or modifications of the Agreement are subject to review and approval by the Board.

DATED: 9/14/06

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